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List of Acronyms

AMD Acid Mine Drainage

ATP Adenosine Triphosphate

AVS Acid Volatile Sulfide

BDAT Best Demonstrated Achievable Technology

BRS EPA Biennial Report System

CAA Clean Air Act

CCA Chromated Copper Arsenate

CERCLA Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

CWA Clean Water Act

DMAA Dimethylarsinic Acid

DOD U.S. Department of Defense

DOE U.S. Department of Energy

EM Electron Microprobe

EPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

EPCRA Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act

FDA Food and Drug Administration

GPS Global Positioning System

HGMS High Gradient Magnetic Separation

ISCF In-Situ Chemical Fixation

LDR Land Disposal Restriction

LRPCD Land Remediation and Pollution Control Division (NRMRL)

MCL Maximum Contaminant Level

MEP Multiple Extraction Procedure

MMAA Monomethylarsonic Acid

MPW Mineral Processing Waste

NCEA National Center for Environmental Assessment

NERL National Exposure Research Laboratory

NHEERL National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory

NPL National Priorities List

List of Acronyms (Cont.)

NRMRL National Risk Management Research Laboratory

NURE National Uranium Resource Evaluation (a program)

ORD Office of Research and Development

ORP Oxidation-Reduction Potential

OSW Office of Solid Waste

PAH Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons

PIG Peat, Iron, and Gypsum

PRB Permeable Reactive Barrier

RCRA Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

RME Risk Management Evaluation

ROD Record of Decision

S/S Solidification/Stabilization

SMZ Surfactant-Modified Zeolite

SPLP Synthetic Precipitation Leaching Procedure

SPRD Subsurface Protection and Remediation Division (NRMRL)

TCLP Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure

TRI Toxics Release Inventory

TSD Treatment, Storage, and Disposal

TTSD Technology Transfer and Support Division (NRMRL)

USGS U.S. Geological Survey

WET Waste Extraction Test

WTP Water Treatment Plant

ZVI Zero-Valent Iron